

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28, 29, 31, 32 and 35-41, without prejudice.

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 9 and July 8, 2002. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-20, 22-24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32 and 35-41 are pending in this application. Claims 28, 29, 31, 32 and 35-41 have been cancelled. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-20, 22-24 and 26 remain pending. Claims 1-7 remain allowed. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By the Office Action of May 9, 2002, the amendment of November 30, 1999 was objected to as introducing new matter. Claims 28-43 (sic) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification.....at the time the application was filed. Claims 28-42 (sic) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in such a way as to enable one.....to make or use the invention.

Pursuant to a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned on July 25, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph with respect to enablement is withdrawn in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,408,388 to Kobayashi. However, the objection under 35 U.S.C. §132 as